ANNUAL REPORT

of

The Medical Officer of Health

for

ALDERLEY EDGE
CHEADLE AND GATLEY
and WILMSLOW URBAN DISTRICTS

and

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of

The Chief Public Health Inspectors

For the Year 1960

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THE TOWN HALL,
CHEADLE,
May, 1961

To the Chairmen and Members of the Alderley Edge, Cheadle and Gatley, and Wilmslow Urban District Councils.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1960, and in doing so have ventured to express a personal opinion on some aspects of community health.

Coronary thrombosis, by far the commonest single cause of death, and lung cancer continued to take a relentless toll of life and it is sad to reflect that accidental deaths were more numerous than in previous years. These tendencies are likely to continue unless the habits of sedentary living, over eating and tobacco smoking are eschewed by the individual, and a sense of personal responsibility replaces complacency with regard to hazards in the home and on the roads.

There were no reported complications in the notified cases of measles, scarlet fever and whooping cough, and although a troublesome outbreak of dysentery occurred during the summer the usual measures of control proved effective. The few sporadic cases of food poisoning and paratyphoid fever were fortunately mild and it was not possible to trace courses of infection in these cases.

Food premises were found to be generally of a satisfactory standard and proprietors and managers have been anxious to co-operate with the Health Department in effecting improvements and eliminating potential sources of food contamination. There is however still room for improvement in the personal habits of some individual food handlers—a matter more for the conscience and enlightenment of the individual than the enforcement of regulations.

The work of inspection and control regarding the various aspects of environmental hygiene continued unabated under the diligent supervision of the Senior Public Health Inspectors, due emphasis being placed on the value of informal advice and discussion rather than arbitrary enforcement of regulations.

I readily acknowledge the assistance of all members of the staff, the Clerks of the three authorities and other chief officials.

It is also a pleasure to record my appreciation of the support of the Public Health Committees at all times.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
H. MERVYN-THOMAS,
Medical Officer of Health

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EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS

	Alderley Edge	*Cheadle and Gatley*	*Wilmslow*
Estimated Population .. (Mid 1960)	3770	41,870	21,220
Total Live Births ..	44	945	374
Illegitimate Births ..	—	22	18
Still Births	1	16	7
Adjusted Birth Rate ..	10.9	22.2	15.6
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	—	16	5
Deaths of Infants under 1 month	—	12	5
Deaths of infants under 1 week	—	11	4
Infant Mortality Rate ..	—	16.9	13.3
Maternal Deaths ..	—	1	—
Total Deaths from ALL Causes :			
Males	25	206	98
Females	30	215	120
Adjusted Death Rate ..	12.9	11.6	11.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Alderley Edge	*Cheadle and Gatley*	*Wilmslow*
Cancer—all forms ..	11	73	33
Cancer of the Lung ..	3	8	10
Coronary thrombosis ..	12	92	42
Vascular lesion of the central nervous system..	6	58	45
Other Circulatory and Heart Diseases ..	9	77	37
Bronchitis and Pneumonia	8	31	19
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) ..	—	1	1
Diabetes	—	4	1
Ulcer (Stomach and Duodenal)	—	5	2
Gastritis, enteritis, nephritis	—	3	3
Nephritis	—	2	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	1	—
Pregnancy	—	1	—
Congenital Malformations	—	2	1
Other defined and ill defined Disease ..	6	48	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	3	3
Other accidents ..	—	12	2

The above table shows a striking preponderence of deaths from cardio-vascular disease and cancer which perhaps is understandable having regard to the large proportion of people reaching advancing years when the incidence of these diseases is highest. Coronary thrombosis however has again shown a disturbingly high incidence among those in the prime of life, the youngest victim being in the late thirties. The growing incidence of this disease is a matter of considerable concern and there is much evidence to show that the chief predisposing factors in its genesis are overindulgence in food, lack of exercise and tobacco smoking—habits which have become only too prevalent in an affluent society.

Lung cancer has also claimed several individuals in the forties and fifties and is not by any means essentially a disease of old age. The evidence in support of cigarette smoking being a factor in the cause of this disease is overwhelming.

Fatal accidents in this area have contributed to the grim national picture. The local record over the past seven years is as follows:-

Year	*Road Accidents*	*Domestic and Other Accidents*	*Total*
1954	4	10	14
1955	6	11	17
1956	9	13	22
1957	5	6	11
1958	9	8	17
1959	7	11	18
1960	6	14	20

In contrast to the foregoing sombre picture, Tuberculosis, which claimed no fewer than 20 deaths in 1920 when the local population was but a fraction of what it is today, barely earns a place in the mortality table for 1960.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The cases notified during the year were as follows:-

	Alderley Edge	*Cheadle and Gatley*	*Wilmslow*
Scarlet Fever	1	75	3
Whooping Cough ..	4	10	10
Measles	4	248	9
Dysentery	30	12	14
Acute Pneumonia ..	2	1	—
Erysipelas	—	1	—
Tuberculosis— Respiratory	4	9	3
Tuberculosis— Non-respiratory ..	—	2	1
Food poisoning.. ..	—	4	—
Paratyphoid Fcver ..	—	2	—
Non-paralytic Poliomyelitis	—	1	—
Virus Meningitis ..	—	—	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (cont.)

The notified cases of dysentery were all of the "Sonne" type, a usually mild if troublesome disease. The comparatively large number in Alderley Edge represents an explosive outbreak which occurred during the summer term amongst pupils attending the local primary school. Investigations at the school and school canteen failed to reveal a source of infection, and it was presumed that the infection was introduced from outside by one of the pupils. Actions was undertaken to exclude those affected and to investigate their home contacts. Other cases in Cheadle and Gatley and Wilmslow were sporadic, and responded to the usual methods of treatment and control. Sonne Dysentery is generally such a mild disease that no doubt substantial numbers of cases in the community do not reach the notice of a doctor. These patients are an important factor in the spread of the disease.

There was a further decline in the incidence of TUBERCULOSIS and one looks forward to the time when this disease will be completely eradicated. Nowadays all cases of tuberculosis can be regarded as being of human origin, milk borne infection with the bovine bacillus having been virtually eliminated by modern conditions of milk production and the widespread practice of pasteurisation. It is essential however to continue to fight against tuberculosis by pursuing the various methods of contact tracing and case finding together with B.C.G. Vaccination. Modern chemotherapy is effective in all but the most advanced forms of the disease.

The isolated cases of Food Poisoning and Paratyphoid Fever which occurred in the Cheadle and Gatley Urban District again underline the need for a high standard of personal hygiene amongst those engaged in the preparation and sale of food to be maintained at all times. It is not sufficient that food premises alone conform to the required standards.

There were no cases of Diphtheria or of paralytic Poliomyelitis. Prophylaxis against these diseases is freely available and indeed must be continued so as to maintain the highest possible level of immunity throughout the population.

FACTORIES ACTS

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

Part 1 *of the Act*

1.—Inspections for puposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :-

Premises		*Number on Register*	*Inspections*	*No. of written notices*	*Owners Prosecuted*
(1) Factories in which Sections 1. 2. 3. 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorites.					
	A.E.	7	6	—	—
	C. & G.	56	34	4	—
	W.	24	5	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.					
	A.E.	23	40	2	—
	C.& G.	87	77	13	—
	W.	87	35	2	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)					
	A.E.	—	—	—	—
	C.& G.	15	22	3	—
	W.	22	12	2	—
TOTAL :	A.E.	30	46	2	—
	C.& G.	158	133	20	—
	W.	133	52	4	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found (headings where all satisfactory not given) :-

Particulars		*Found*	*Remedied*	*Referred by H.M. Inspector*
Want of Cleanliness (S.I.) ..	..A.E.	—	—	—
	C.& G.	3	3	—
	W.	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	1	1	—
	W.	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	..A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	2	2	2
	W.	2	2	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	..A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	14	13	—
	W.	2	3	—
Other offences against the act	..A.E.	2	2	—
	C. & G.	—	—	—
	W.	—	—	—
TOTAL :	A.E.	2	2	—
	C. & G.	17	16	2
	W.	4	5	1

Part VIII of the Act

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Alderley Edge—Nil Cheadle and Gatley—Nil

Wilmslow—16

ALDERLEY EDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the

Alderley Edge Urban District Council

Sir, Mrs. Bickmore, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the work done by the Public Health Inspector's Department for the year 1960.

The branches of the work have been placed under separate headings and comments made where necessary.

I wish to thank you for the consideration which you have given me and I also thank the Officials of the Council for their help during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W. A. BARKER, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspector.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

Classification	*Total No of Inspections and visits*	*Informal Notices Served*	*Informal Notices Complied with*	*Statutory Notices Served*	*Statutory Notices Complied with*
Dwellings :					
Public Health Acts ..	6	6	5	—	—
Re-Inspection	9	—	—	—	—
Housing Acts	34	1	—	—	—
Re-Inspection	7	—	—	—	—
Council House Applications	4	—	—	—	—
Food Premises :					
Ice Cream Premises ..	8	—	—	—	—
Provision Shops	44	1	1	—	—
Butchers' Shops	33	2	2	—	—
Fried Fish Shops ..	13	—	—	—	—
Restaurant Kitchens ..	24	6	4	—	—
Bakehouses	15	2	2	—	—
Greengrocery and Wet Fish	18	—	—	—	—
Other Food Premises ..	23	2	1	—	—
General :					
Infectious Diseases ..	32	—	—	—	—
Schools	9	—	—	—	—
Smoke Nuisances	41	10	10	—	—
Shops Act	7	—	—	—	—
Dairies and Milk Shops	29	—	—	—	—
Food Condemnation ..	1	—	—	—	—
Factories Act	47	2	2	—	—
Outworkers	1	—	—	—	—
Rent Act	2	—	—	—	—
Drainage	15	2	2	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	46	—	—	—	—
Rag Flock Act	1	—	—	—	—
Pet Shop	4	—	—	—	—
Ashbins	10	3	3	—	—
Slaughter of Animals Act	4	—	—	—	—
General Nuisances ..	10	3	3	—	—
Offensive Trade	—	—	—	—	—
Farms	16	3	—	—	—
Totals ..	513	43	35	—	—

HOUSING

During the year five houses were condemned as unfit and occupants were being rehoused into existing Council Houses.

Negotiations for planning consent and for the acquistion of a site were started with a view to the provision of housing accommodation for further action under the Housing Acts.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

(1) There are in the Urban Area, the following premises where food is prepared, stored and sold:-

Confectionery	7
Bakehouses	3
Butcher's Shops	5
Cooked Meat Manufacturers	6
Fried Fish and Chip Shops	3
Hotel Kitchens	4
Ice Cream Dealers	10
Ice Cream Makers	1
Staff Canteen Kitchens	2
Restaurant Kitchens	4
School Kitchens	4
Provision Shops	16
Fish and Greengrocery	3
Greengrocery	1

During the year all food premises were routinely inspected under the Provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations. All actions taken under the Regulations were of an informal nature.

(2) Food Surrendered and Condemned

During the year two articles of food were condemned as unfit giving a total of 4 lbs. in weight.

(3) There are ten registered dealers in Ice Cream, one manufactures his own for sale at his premises, the remainder sell well-known products made by various national firms.

Twelve samples were taken and submitted to the Laboratory for examination and their bacteriological examination indicated that ten were Grade 1 and two were in Grade II, this being very satisfactory.

MILK AND DAIRIES

During the year, The Milk Special Designations Regulations, 1960 came into force on the 18th October, 1960.

These Regulations gave the Food and Drugs Authority of the area the powers of granting licences to dealers. The Food and Drugs Authority in this area is the Cheshire County Council.

During the year 24 samples were taken for Laboratory Examination and were submitted for Phosphatase Test, Turbidity Test and Methylene Blue Reduction Test, all the samples were satisfactory under test.

Four Raw (T.T.) Milks were submitted for animal innoculation test and no evidence of Tuberculin infection was found in any of the samples.

RAG FLOCK

There is one Registered factory in the area to which the Act applies and this factory has been inspected.

RODENT CONTROL

One trained part-time operative is employed and he uses methods approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Domestic dwellings are treated free of charge, but a charge is made for treatment of business premises.

There is now no special grant by the Ministry towards the expenditure created by the work of inspection and disinfestation.

The following table gives details of the work done by the Rodent Operative during the year.

Type of Property	*No. of Infestations by Rats*	*No. of Properties infested by Mice*	*No. of Visits Undertaken*
Owned by Local Government	8	—	24
Dwellings	14	—	36
Businesss Premises ..	5	2	11
Agricultural Premises	1	—	3
Totals ..	28	2	74

SHOP INSPECTIONS

As Sanitary Authority, this Council is responsible for the enforcing of the provisions concerning Heating, Ventilation and Sanitary Conveniences, of the shops Act, and during the year shops were inspected for this purpose.

WATER SUPPLY

All houses in the Area are supplied from the Stockport Corporation mains, except a small-holding which has water hand-pumped from a well.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The Refuse Disposal is by controlled tipping on a site at "Tanyard Farm", Chelford Road. A weekly collection is maintained.

SALVAGE

60 tons 8¼ cwts. of salvage were sold during the year giving an income to the Authority of £392.13.1.

CHEADLE AND GATLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Abney,
Cheadle,
Cheshire.
May, 1961

To the Chairman and Members of the
Cheadle and Gatley Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1960

I have the honour to present my annual report on the work of the Public Health Inspectors for the year 1960.

This report is drawn up on the basis of the recommendations of Circular 1160, issued by the Ministry of Health, as to the information to be supplied in the annual reports.

Of the four Clearance Areas submitted to the Ministry during 1959 thirty of the houses were purchased by the Council by agreement Three others belonging to one owner were demolished. The remaining four were made the subject of a Clearance Order and, at the subsequent enquiry the Council were successful in having the Order confirmed. During the year under review four further Orders have been submitted to the Ministry, embracing twenty-two houses, but no further decision has been arrived at up to the present.

Considerable progress has been made in surveys under the Clean Air Act. One area covering 807 acres in the South west part of Heald Green Ward and part of Cheadle Hulme South Ward has been made the subject of an order, and submitted to the Ministry for confirmation. Preliminary approval has been given to two further areas covering an acreage of 3,164.

I desire to express my thanks to Mr. Riley and Mr. Hill, and other members of the Council's staff for the help and co-operation received from them during the year.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
T. HAYES,
Senior Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Nature of Inspections	*No. of visits*	*Informal Notices Served*	*Informal Notices Complied with*	*Statutory Notices Served*	*Statutory Notices Complied with*
Houses inspected under the Public Health Act—					
Houses inspected after complaint	185	55	55	—	—
Houses inspected otherwise	36	—	—	—	—
No of re-visits to the above	97	—	—	—	—
Houses inspected under the Housing Act—					
Houses inspected after complaint	31	29	29	—	—
Houses inspected otherwise	109	69	16	—	—
Number of re-visits to the above	86	—	—	—	—
General :					
Infectious Diseases ..	48	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	6	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds ..	19	—	—	—	—
Stables and Piggeries ..	10	1	1	—	—
Smoke Observations ..	92	—	—	—	—
Public Conveniences ..	3	—	—	—	—
Factories and Workplaces	133	20	19	—	—
Shops, all types	457	35	30	—	—
Petroleum Acts	25	—	—	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	427	—	—	—	—
Places of Public Entertainment, Public Houses etc.	33	—	—	—	—
Verminous Premises ..	27	—	—	—	—
Drainage	251	—	—	—	—
Slaughterhouses	284	—	—	—	—
Hairdressers	49	—	—	—	—
Rent Acts	5	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	2513	209	150	—	—

Clean Air Act 1956

For the pupose of carrying out the detailed surveys required before a Smoke Control Order can be made the Council employed two technical Assistants to help in this work. The number of visits and re-visits made by these two Officers, and the regular staff, amounted to more than 8,000. This was mainly due to the fact that a large proportion of the residents in this district are out at work all day, and this resulted in appointments having to be made during the evenings and on Saturday mornings. However, generally speaking the staff have been well received, and the majority of the householders are welcoming the scheme wholeheartedly.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

During the year considerable work has been carried out by the Council's Rodent Control Operative. A free service is available to the occupiers of all dwelling houses, and the occupiers of business premises are always anxious to co-operate in giving the Operative free access to examine and treat the premises—if found necessary. All business premises pay for these treatments, and large works are dealt with under annual agreements.

The sewerage system in the district has remained particularly free from infestation. Whenever extensions to the sewers have been made on new housing estates tests have been carried out with a view to checking as to whether infestation of the sewers could take place from the surface, or, alternatively, if surface infestation was taking place from the sewers. In all cases the results have been negative.

There were no serious cases of major infestation of either rats or mice in any part of the district.

The following is a record of the treatments and inspections carried out in connection with this work during the period under review.

	Type of Property				
	Local Authority	*Dwelling Houses*	*Agri-cultural*	*All other premises (including Business and In-dustrial)*	*Total*
No of Properties inspected by the local Authority during 1960 as a result of					
(a) Notification ..	9	317	0	25	351
(b) Survey under the Act	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Otherwise, *e.g.* when visited primarily for some other purpose ..	0	427	15	10	452

Numbers of properties inspected which were found to be infested by					
(a) Rats : Major ..	0	0	0	0	0
Minor ..	10	317	1	26	354
(b) Mice : Major ..	0	0	0	0	0
Minor ..	0	111	0	1	112
Number of infested properties treated by the local Authority	10	428	1	27	466

Disinfestation

During the year several properties were treated for the elimination of minor pests such as fleas, cockroaches, wasps and hornets nests. The normal insecticidal sprays were successful in getting rid of these pests. There was one serious case of infestation by bugs, and the house was treated with hydrocyanic gas.

Meat Milk and other Foods.

The number of premises, and mobile vehicles in the district which are concerned with the sale of all types of food and drink is as follows :-

Ice Cream Manufacturers and retailers	51
Milk Distributors (excluding farmer producers)	21
Catering Establishments	18
Confectioners (including bakehouses)	29
Grocery and provisions	77
Butchers	33
Fishmongers	3
Fish and Greengrocery	28
Greengrocery only	3
Fish and Chip shops	9
Licensed premises (including clubs)	34
Food Hawkers	22

As regards the last item in the above table, food hawkers have been registered under the Cheshire County Council Act 1953. There are various types, ranging from greengrocery to fishmongers and butchers. Food hawkers who have shops in the area do not come within the provisions of this act.

Frequent inspections are made at the food premises listed above including hawkers' vehicles. There have been no difficulties up to the present in asking the proprietors to comply with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

There are no Clean Food Guilds in the area, but from time to time if informative circulars etc, have been received from the Ministry, information of use to the retailers has been extracted from these circulars and distributed to the shop managers.

Milk and Dairies Orders :

Attached hereto is a table setting out the number of samples of milk procured during the year, and the results obtained. As this area is now within a specified area only pasteurised, sterilised and tuberculin tested milk may be sold in this district. There are two pasteurising establishments, and they are both well kept.

1960

Type of Milk	Total Samples Sub-mitted	Methylene Blue (Keeping Quality)			Phosphatase (Sufficiently Heat-Treated)			Tubercle Bacilli			Turbidity Test	
		Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Absent	Present	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Pasteurised	30	30	30	0	30	30	0	—	—	—	—	—
T.T. Pasteurised	40	40	40	0	40	40	0	8	8	0	—	—
Tuberculin-Tested	20	20	18	2	—	—	—	16	16	0	—	—
Sterilised	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	0
TOTALS	104	90	88	2	70	70	0	24	24	0	14	0

Foodstuffs :

The following table is a record of the foodstuffs for which Certificates of Voluntary Surrender have been issued during the year:-

Boneless Ham	30 tins
Ox Tongue	9 tins
Pork Luncheon Meat	4 tins
Chopped Pork	3 tins
Corned Beef	9 tins
Beef	54 lbs.
Assorted Fruits	7 tins
Tomatoes	1 tin
Evaporated Milk	1 tin
Bourn-vita	1 tin
Baked Beans	4 tins
Packaged Cheese	1 package
Butter	43 lbs.
Cod fillets	170 lbs.
Halibut	3 stone 1 lb.
Fish Cakes	12 lbs.

There have been no special cases requiring the examination of particular stocks or bulk consignments.

Slaughterhouse Work :

The following statistics are a record of the numbers of animals slaughtered and inspected in the area, with the items condemned. The slaughterhouses in the area have been well maintained and kept in a clean condition. Generally speaking the quality of the animals slaughtered in the district is very high.

Total number of animals slaughtered during the twelve months ending 31st December, 1960 :-

Oxen	711
Calves	42
Sheep and lambs	4,165
Pigs	2,446

Oxen, or part of oxen condemned due to tuberculosis :

8 heads

Pigs, condemned, due to tuberculosis :

2 carcases complete
54 plucks
55 heads

Condemnation due to "Other Causes".

Oxen :	23 livers	flukes
	5 livers	cirrhosis
	8 livers	cirrhosis and abscesses
Pigs :	1 carcase complete	septicaemia
	30 carcases	fevered
	19 carcases	swine erysipelas
	2 carcases	acute peritonitis
	2 carcases	emaciation
	6 hindquarters	fractures and arthritis
	1 hindquarter	fractures

1 hindquarter	fractured pelvis
21 hind legs	fractures
7 legs	arthritis
83 plucks	pneumonia
138 plucks	pneumonia and pericarditis
4 livers..	abscesses
10 livers	Milk spot and abscesses

Slaughterhouses Act :

During the year the Council submitted a report on the present slaughtering facilities, with a review of future requirements, as laid down in Section III Sub-Section (1) of the Act of 1958. This report was duly published and submitted to the Ministry for approval.

The report set out provisionally that two of the slaughterhouses in use could be made to comply with the Act and that two others could not. The final decision on the matter had not been received by the end of the year.

Water Supply :

During the year there was a considerable improvement in the water supply from the statutory authority, but complaints were still being received regarding the discolouration of the water in several parts of the district. This was found to be caused mainly by manganese of iron, due to the fluctuation in the flow of water and pressures in the mains. Flushing of the mains by the statutory authority appeared to relieve the trouble.

Hairdressers and Barbers :

Under the Cheshire County Council Act the business, or profession of a hairdresser or barber is subject to registration, and, during the year, the Council adopted byelaws which were approved by the ministry, controlling this particular type of business. The number actually on the register for this district is 43.

FACTORIES ACTS

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

Part 1 of the Act

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :-

Premises	*Number on Register*	*Inspections*	*No. of written notices*	*Owners Prosecuted*
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2. 3. 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	56	34	4	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	87	77	13	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	15	22	3	—
TOTAL	158	133	20	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found :-

Particulars	*Number of cases in which defects were found*		
	Found	*Remedied*	*Referred by H.M. Inspector*
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	3	3	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.) ..	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.) ..	—	—	—

Particulars	*Number of cases in which defects were found*		
	Found	*Remedied*	*Referred by H.M. Inspector*
Ineffective drainage of floors. (S.6.) ..	1	1	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)			
(a) Insufficient	2	2	2
(b) Unsuitable or defective	14	13	—
(c) Not separate for sexes.	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	17	16	2

WILMSLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,

Green Hall,

Wilmslow,

April, 1961.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wilmslow Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Evans and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report on the work carried out by your Public Health Inspectors for the year 1960.

The report contains the usual statistical information required by the Minister of Health in accordance with Circular 1/61 of that department and I have no further observations to make.

I desire to express my thanks to members of my own staff and to the other officers of the Council for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Evans, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. H. LANCASTER,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Nature of Inspections	*No. of Visits*	*Informal Notices Served*	*Informal Notices Complied with*	*Statutory Notices Served*	*Statutory Notices Complied with*
Housing.					
Houses inspected under P.H.A.	95	63	48	1	1
Re-inspections under P.H.A.	395	—	—	—	—
Houses inspected under Housing Acts	20	5	4	1	1
Re-inspections under Housing Acts	81	—	—	—	—
General.					
Refuse Collection and Disposal	225	23	22	—	—
Infectious Diseases ..	228	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	71	1	1	—	—
Caravans, Tents, etc. ..	49	2	2	—	—
Stables and Piggeries ..	14	1	1	—	—
Smoke Control Areas and Observations ..	125	2	2	—	—
Public Entertainment and Public Houses	19	3	2	—	—
Hairdressers and Barbers	27	2	3	—	—
Agricultural Premises ..	16	—	—	—	—
Factories	43	4	5	—	—
Work Places	11	—	—	—	—
Pet Shops	5	2	2	—	—
Petroleum Acts	132	30	20	—	—
Special Visits	288	—	—	—	—
Rodent Control ..	37	31	31	—	—
Insect Pests	27	1	1	—	—
Noise Nuisances ..	10	1	1	—	—
Meat and Food Inspection.					
Slaughterhouses ..	270	—	—	—	—
Butchers Shops and Stalls	21	—	—	—	—
Wet Fish Shops ..	15	—	—	—	—
Fried Fish Shops ..	6	1	1	—	—
Other Food Shops ..	85	2	2	—	—
Bakehouses	9	—	—	—	—
Restaurant Kitchens ..	23	1	1	—	—
Ice Cream Premises ..	21	—	—	—	—
Dairies, Milk Shops and Distributors	90	—	—	—	—
Food Hawkers	12	—	—	—	—
	2,470	175	149	2	2

COMPLAINTS

The complaints registered during the year numbered 419, and are classified as follows :-

Defective Housing Conditions	16
Choked and Defective Drains, Cesspools and Septic tanks and Sewers	43
Insanitary Conditions of Ditches and Ponds	10
Flooding	23
Accumulations of Refuse and Rubbish, etc.	6
Offensive Odours	28
Smoke and Dust Nuisances	7
Noise Nuisances	6
Unsound Food	8
Water Supply	72
Rats and Mice Infestation	139
Infestations by Flies, Mosquitoes, Ants, Wasps, etc.	53
Infestations by Rabbits, Moles and Foxes	5
Keeping of Animals and Hens	1
Miscellaneous	2
	419

All complaints were investigated immediately and the necessary action taken to abate any nuisance found.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

The following table shows the amount of spraying and fumigation undertaken in connection with the control of infectious diseases and verminous conditions :-

	No. of Premises	*Number of Rooms Sprayed or Fumigated*	*Household Effects Treated Separately*
Bed Bugs	—	—	—
Other Vermin	3	5	—
Infectious Diseases	1	6	—
Other causes	2	8	—
	—	—	—
	6	19	—
	—	—	—

In addition to the above, 40 wasps' nests were also destroyed on private property.

HOUSING

One house only (The Cottage, Morley Green) was made the subject of an individual Demolition Order during 1960.

Nine families, however, were rehoused—eight by the Council and one privately—from unfit houses which have been made the subjects of Demolition Orders, prior to 1960.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The Oversley Ford camping ground is the only licensed site in the district and the maximum number of caravans permitted at any one time is 45.

Under the Public Health Act, 1936, two licenses were issued during 1960 permitting individual vans on isolated sites to be used for residential purposes for short periods.

In future, caravans will be controlled by the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, which came into operation on the 29th of August, 1960, and no further licences for this type of dwelling will be issued under the Public Health Act, 1936.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Slaughterhouses :

The report on slaughtering facilities as required by Section 3 of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, was submitted to the Minsistry in April, 1960, and the appointed day has been fixed as the 1st July, 1961, when all slaughterhouses in the area must comply with the Construction Regulations. There is no public slaughterhouse in the area and only one private slaughterhouse.

Meat Inspection :

The post-mortem inspection of animals slaughtered locally is given in the form required by the Minister of Health in the following table:-

RECORD OF MEAT INSPECTION FOR 1960

	Cattle Excluding Cows	*Cows*	*Calves*	*Sheep and Lambs*	*Pigs*	*Horses*
Number killed (if known) ..	454	181	14	1,611	1,702	—
Number inspected ..	454	181	9	1,219	1,661	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :						
Whole Carcases condemned	—	3	1	5	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	148	58	1	49	108	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	33%	34%	22%	4%	6%	—
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole Carcases condemned	2	—	1	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	72	54	3	—	22	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ..	16%	30%	44%	—	1%	—

Cysticercosis :						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

MEAT CONDEMNED

Tuberculosis

	No.	*Weight lbs.*
Cattle		
Whole Carcase and Offal	2	520
Lungs	139	1,190
Forequarters	5	340
Heads	25	700
Skirt	5	10
Udders	4	40
Messentery and Intestines	6	300
Livers	13	182
Stomach and Intestines	7	420
Side	1	165
Pigs		
Heads	16	209
Part Hind	1	12
Calves		
Whole Carcase and Offal	1	56
Lungs	3	15

Other Causes

Cattle	*No.*	*Weight lbs.*	*Cause of Condemnation*
Whole Carcase and Offal	3	1,390	Fevered, Deformity
Hinds	2	220	Fracture
Trimmings	—	20	Oedema
Flank and Brisket	1	60	Oedema
Lungs	72	720	Congestion, Pleurisy, Abscess, Actino, Cysts, D.H.
Udders and Flanks	4	132	Mastitis, Bruising.
Heads	6	168	Abscess, Cysticercus, Bovis, Actino.
Skirt	5	9	Cysticercus Bovis, Contamination, Peritonitis
Kidneys	6	16	Cysts, Nephritis.
Livers	221	2,994	Angioma, Cirrhosis, D.H. Abscess, Necrosis, Neoplasm.
Heart	2	8	Cysticercus Bovis
Steak Pieces and one round	3	92	Fracture
Brisket, Skin and flank bruising	—	65	—

Calves			
Carcase	1	60	Moribund.
Liver	1	4	Contamination.
Pigs			
Whole Carcase and Offal.	1	280	Abscess, Oedema, Efficacy of Bleeding.
Shank	13	16	Arthritis, Abscess.
Forelegs	1	4	Abscess.
Trimmings	1	1½	Bruising.
Shoulder	1	57	Fracture
Plucks	34	151	Pleurisy, Peritonitis, Pneumonia, Pericarditis, Parasites, Contamination.
Lungs	7	25	Pleurisy, Pneumonia, Congestion,
Part Lungs	2	18	Fracture.
Livers	56	196	Cirrhosis, Necrosis, Parasites, Ascaris, Peritonitis, milk spots, Infection.
Hearts	3	2	Pericarditis.
Kidney	4	2½	Atrophy, Degeneration, Cyst.
Sheep			
Whole Carcase and Offal	8	285	Dropsy and Oedema, Moribund Mutilation, Severe Bruising.
Pluck	1	2	Congestion.
Livers	44	93	Parasites, D.H. Distomatocis, Cysts, Part Livers.
Lungs	1	3	Abscess.
		5 tons 0 cwts. 54 lbs.	

Other Foods

The following amounts of foodstuffs have been condemned as the result of complaints or routine inspection of food shops, necessitating the issue of 35 condemnation certificates.

Tinned and Preserved Food Condemned :

	lbs.	*ozs*
Meats	261	14
Fruits	77	7
Other Preserved Foods	2	13
	342	12

Other Food Condemned :

Ducks	169	0
Meats	44	0
Sausages	10	0
	223	0

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food Hygiene Regulations :

Regular inspections have been made of the various types of premises where food is stored or handled. Although several minor infringements of the Regulations were found and rectified no serious offences were discovered.

From the following list it will be seen that there are 358 types of food businesses carried on in 173 premises, as follows :-

Grocers and Provision Merchants	56
Bakers and Confectioners	15
Bakehouses	7
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	15
Butchers	21
Fishmongers	10
Fish Fryers	4
Sweet Shops	21
Ice Cream Premises	54
Restaurants, Cafes and Snack Bars	27
Public Houses	19
Residential Hotels and Boarding Houses	10
Non-Residential Clubs	7
Industrial and Staff Canteens	3
Kitchens preparing school meals	7
Schools serving school meals	10
Cooked Meats	56
Market Stalls	6
	358

MILK SUPPLY

Distribution :

The number of persons registered as distributors of milk and the number of dairies, other than dairy farms, are as follows :-

Distributors	22
Dairies	2

Sampling—Raw Milk

Tuberculin Tested Milk is the only raw milk which can be sold in the area. Thirty-five samples of this grade were taken and submitted to the statutory tests with the following results :-

Bacteriological Examination of T.T. Milk

Designation	*From Retailers*	*Satisfactory*	*Unsatisfactory*	*Experiments Spoilt*	*Total*
Tuberculin Tested	57	56	1	—	57

Whenever an unsatisfactory result of the statutory test is obtained enquiries are made into the possible cause and further samples taken. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food are also requested in most cases to check on the methods of production at the farm.

Heat Treated Milk

The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Heat treated Milk has been sampled regularly and submitted to the statutory tests with the following results :-

	From Local Pasteuring Plant			
	No. taken	*Satis-factory*	*Unsatis-factory*	*Experiment spoilt*
Pasteurised Milk				
Methylene Blue	35	33	—	2
Phosphatase Test ..	35	35	—	—

	From Outside Sources			
	No. taken	*Satis-factory*	*Unsatis-factory*	*Experiment Spoilt*
Pasteurised Milk				
Methylene Blue	35	33	—	2
Phosphatase Test ..	35	35	—	—
Sterilised Milk				
Turbidity Test	7	7	—	—

The number of licences granted under the Special Designation Regulations were as folllows :-

	Dealer's Licences	*Supplementary Licences*	*Total*
Tuberculin Tested..	7	7	14
Pasteurised..	17	5	22
Sterilised	15	3	18

The above information appears in this report for the last time as all licences other than those issued by the Minister will be issued by the County Council from the last January, 1961. Arrangements have been made by the County Council to take routine samples of milk from all local retailers from time to time and the results of these examinations will be supplied to the Council.

EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk were also examined for the presence of tubercle bacilli, but no positive samples were found as the following table shows :-

SUMMARY OF SAMPLES EXAMINED FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Designation	*No. of Samples Taken*	*Positive*	*Negative*
Tuberculin Tested..	37	—	37

ICE CREAM

There are 54 premises where ice cream is sold in a prepacked form and in one case only is any ice cream made on the premises.

A summary showing the results of the samples examined is given below :-

	Total	*Grade* I	*Grade* II	*Grade* III	*Grade* IV	*Experiments Void*
Manufactured locally ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Made elsewhere ..	16	12	12	—	—	2
	16	12	12	—	—	2

WATER SUPPLY

The quality of Wilmslow's main water which is supplied by Stockport Corporation gave rise to many complaints during the year. Unlike the previous year, there was no shortage of water during 1960, but more complaints of discolouration and the presence of sediment were received than in the previous year.

Three samples of mains water taken from different premises were submitted for both chemical and bacteriological examination, and the Analyst's report showed that the water was not unfit for drinking purposes. It was obvious, however, from samples provided by complainants that from time to time the quality of the water was not suitable for all domestic purposes, particularly laundering. The Council are fully aware of these complaints, and very active measures are being taken by them, which it is hoped will result in a satisfactory supply being provided at all times and for all purposes.

Premises not provided with main supply

The number of houses not connected to a main supply was reduced by 3 during 1960, but there are still 14 premises where the only source of supply is a well. These premises are situated in the following areas :-

Ward	*No of premises Without mains supply*
Dean Row	1
Handforth	2
Hough	5
Morley	6
	14

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Smoke Control Areas

The following Smoke Control Orders are now in operation in the district and all of them are situated in the Handforth Ward :-

Area	*No. of Premises*	*Acres*	*Date of operation*
Wilmslow Urban District Council No. 4 (Handforth Ward (Part)) Smoke Control Order, 1959	209	22.56	1st October, 1960
Wilmslow Urban District Council No. 1 (Handforth Ward (Part)) Smoke Control Order, 1960.	92	12.76	1st January, 1961
Wilmslow Urban District Council No. 5 (Handforth Ward (Part)) Smoke Control Order, 1960.	86	16.15	1st January, 1961
	387	51.47	

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

The following summary gives details in brief of the work performed by the Rat Catcher during 1960 :-

No. of premises surveyed	1,055
No. of premises treated	801
Methods employed :	
No. of pre-baits laid	84
No. of poison baits laid	3,297
Cases where traps used	117
Post Baits laid	34
Results obtained : No. of bodies found	
Rats	544
Mice	439

In addition to the destruction of rodents, the Rodent Operative also carries out disinfection following infectious diseases and insect pest destruction as required.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One licence only was issued in respect of premises where animals are sold as pets. Occasional inspections were made to see that the conditions of the licence were being observed.

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS

These premises were inspected at least once during the year when a few minor contraventions of the byelaws were found. Steps were taken to obtain compliance with the byelaws in every respect, and generally speaking the conditions existing at these establishments is very good.

The number of premises registered at the end of the year was :

Ladies' Hairdressers	19
Barbers	5

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection

The average number of collections of refuse made from each house in 1960 was 48, which is just below a weekly collection. An additional refuse collection vehicle was placed on order in July and delivery was expected towards the end of the year. Unfortunately the vehicle was not delivered as promised, and it will not be possible to improve on the present position until the extra vehicle and men are available.

Disposal

Land owned by the council in Newgate, continues to be the only site in the district for the disposal of house refuse.

Salvage

The reclamation of the salvage from the house refuse was continued and the amounts of the various materials separated and sold were as follows :-

	Weight			*Value*		
	Tons	*cwts.*	*lbs.*	£	s.	d.
Mixed Paper	300	17	56	2,106	2	6
Heavy Iron		10	0	2	10	0
Aluminium		1	100	6	12	6
Copper		1	46	7	15	2
Brass		2	28	9	0	0
Lead		1	56	4	2	6
Mixed Rags	9	17	67	214	14	6
Carpets and Sacking	5	2	8	17	17	3
String		4	80	1	3	6½
Cuttings		10	93	3	13	4½
Used Batteries				2	0	0
	317	9	86	2,375	11	4

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